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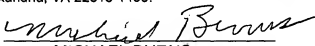
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Enclosed herewith are the necessary papers for filing the following application for
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Applicant : ULRICH BAIER

Title : METHOD FOR ETCHING A HARD MASK LAYER AND A METAL
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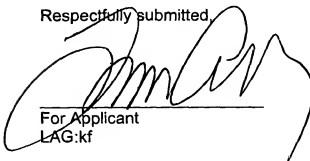
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